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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 December 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 01 December 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

Claim 1-5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Ichihashi (GB 2,353,442 A).

With respect to claim 1, Ichihashi discloses the telecommunication terminal apparatus capable of giving a notification using a melody, comprising: storage means **113** capable of storing musical composition data in which a plurality of starting points suitable for starting performance are set **page 6 line1**; point register means **113** for storing information indicative of an arbitrary performance starting position of the musical composition data; and musical tone-generating means **112 page 5 lines 25-28** responsive to an instruction for starting the notification using the melody, for reading out the musical composition data from said storage means and for reproducing the readout musical composition according to the information indicative of the performance starting position, stored in said point register means, to thereby start generating the melody from the arbitrary performance starting position of the musical composition data.

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With respect to claim 2, Ichihashi discloses the telecommunication terminal apparatus according to claim 1, Ichihashi continues to disclose wherein said musical tone-generating 112 means is responsive to an instruction for ending the notification using the melody, for stopping reproducing the musical composition data and for writing information indicative of a reproduction stop position of the musical composition data having been reproduced and a starting point corresponding to a position closest to the reproduction stop position among the plurality of starting points into said point register means. (**page7 and 8**) The stop position is interpreted as the end pointer of the memory block containing the musical data.

With respect to claim 3, Ichihashi discloses the telecommunication terminal apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said musical tone-generating means **112** is responsive to an instruction for ending the notification using the melody, for stopping reproducing the musical composition data and for writing information indicative of a reproduction stop position of the musical composition data having been reproduced and a starting point corresponding to a rear position closest to the reproduction stop position among the plurality of starting points into said point register means. (**page 7 and 8**) The rear position is interpreted as the end pointer location of the memory blocking containing the musical composition data.

With respect to claim 4. Ichihashi discloses the telecommunication terminal apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said musical tone-generating means 112 is responsive to

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the instruction for starting the notification using the melody, for generating the melody from a starting point corresponding to a rear position closest to the performance starting position stored in said point register means among the plurality of starting points. (**page 7 and 8**) The rear position is interpreted as the end pointer location of the memory blocking containing the musical composition data.

With respect to claim 5, Ichihashi discloses the telecommunication terminal apparatus according to claim 1, wherein one starting point can be selected from among the plurality of starting points, and the selected one starting point is written as the performance starting position into said point register means. (**page 7 lines 18-23**)

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

The Lee reference (US 6,418,330) discloses a device and method for generating various ring tones in radio terminal.

The Hoopes reference (US 6,058,171) discloses a unique ring caller ID.

The Ito reference (US 6,597,928) discloses a portable telephone maraca which produces musical tones in synchronization of the swings and vibrations.

The Kyrpmlahti reference (US 5,452,354) discloses a tinging tone apparatus.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Richard Chan whose telephone number is (571) 272-0570. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Fri (9AM - 5PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Urban can be reached on (571) 272-7899. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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